

Where can you contact us?

Netherton Health Centre

Magdalen Square, Netherton, L30 5SP
0151 247 6109

Hoghton Street Clinic

52 Hoghton Street, Southport, PR9 0PN
01704 395884

Our patients matter

All members of Sefton's Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service wear an identity badge. Please ask to see this before admitting a member of the team to your home.

If you have any comments or concerns you can speak with a member of staff or contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS Team) for Alder Hey Children's NHS.

PALS@alderhey.nhs.uk
0151 252 5161

Visit our website: www.alderhey.nhs.uk

Please send or give any written COMPLIMENTS about the service to the Speech and Language Therapist you see.

Alder Hey Children's **NHS**
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Sefton Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service



Information for parents and
carers

Introduction

Speech and language therapists work with children who are experiencing difficulties with communication and/or eating and drinking.

We work closely with parents, carers and other professionals to provide assessment, advice and therapy. We have an open referral system with parental consent.

Where do we work?

We work in a variety of settings, including clinics, schools, nurseries, and in occasionally in the family home.

Who do we work with?

We can help children from birth to 18 years who have difficulties in the following areas:

- Listening and attention
- Play and interaction
- Understanding and using language
- Social communication
- Speech sound production
- Fluency
- Voice
- Eating, drinking and swallowing (community based non-emergency)

How can we help?

We can offer a full assessment of your child's communication and language skills. Following this, you may be offered:

- Parent training groups
- Therapy in a group setting or on an individual basis
- Programmes of therapy activities for home/nursery or school
- Advice and support for parents, carers and other professionals
- A referral on to other professionals

What will happen on the first appointment?

This will last approximately 30 – 60 minutes and will involve a discussion with you about your child's development and an assessment of your child's communication skills.

Assessment may include play, observation and looking at pictures and books where appropriate. Depending on the age of your child we may also carry out some formal assessments. We will discuss the outcome of the assessment with you, so that together we can decide on the best way to meet your child's needs.

Useful Websites

You may like to look at these websites for more information:

I CAN

www.ican.org.uk

AFASIC

www.afasic.org

Talking point

www.talkingpoint.org.uk

British Stammering Association

www.stammering.org

National Autistic Society

www.autism.org.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or if you wish to make a referral.